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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 49/76 B of 15 December 1994 and 50/71 A of 12 December 1995 on the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme, requested the Secretary-General to continue the implementation of the programme and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-first session.

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

A. 1995 and 1996 fellowships

3. Thirty disarmament fellowships were awarded in 1995 and 20 in 1996. (One fellow was unable to participate in the 1996 programme.) The temporary decrease in the number of fellows was related to the current financial situation facing the Organization. The names and nationalities of the fellows who benefited from the 1995 and 1996 programmes are as follows:

1995 fellows

1.	Mr. Maurido Bernardo BORGES	Angola
2.	Mr. Conrod HUNTE	Antigua and Barbuda
3.	Mr. Artem AZNAURIAN	Armenia
4.	Mr. Valery KALESNIK	Belarus
5.	Mr. Raphael Codjo MENSAH	Benin
6.	Mr. Ricardo AYROSA	Brazil
7.	Mr. Zoran MILANOVIC	Croatia
8.	Mr. Rodolfo BENITEZ	Cuba
9.	Mr. Hossam Eldeen M. ALY	Egypt
10.	Mr. Zurab BERIDZE	Georgia
11.	Ms. Alexandra KANGELARIS	Greece
12.	Mr. Bouram CIRE	Guinea
13.	Mr. Yuri O. THAMRIN	Indonesia
14.	Mr. Shahrokh SHAKERIAN	Islamic Republic of Iran

15.	Mr. Ahmad AL-HAJAYA	Jordan
16.	Mr. Nurbek JEENBAEV	Kyrgyzstan
17.	Mr. Toms BAUMANIS	Latvia
18.	Mr. Gonchigiin GONGOR	Mongolia
19.	Mr. Ngakare KEEJA	Namibia
20.	Mr. Matthijs SCHROEDER	Netherlands
21.	Ms. Romy TINCOPA	Peru
22.	Mr. Vladimir CHIRINCIUC	Republic of Moldova
23.	Mr. Dimitri V. SPIRIN	Russian Federation
24.	Mr. John Bobor LAGGAH	Sierra Leone
25.	Ms. Morakot SRISWASDI	Thailand
26.	Mr. Sébadé TOBA	Togo
27.	Ms. Radhia ACHOURI	Tunisia
28.	Mr. Yuriy KLYMENKO	Ukraine
29.	Captain Awad ALNEYADI	United Arab Emirates
30.	Mr. William MALZAHN	United States of America

1996 fellows

1.	Ms. Gabriela MARTINIC	Argentina
2.	Ms. Andrea FAULKNER	Australia
3.	Ms. Natasha TURNQUEST	Bahamas
4.	Ms. Xiaolin WANG	China
5.	Mr. Waktasu NEGERI	Ethiopia
6.	Ms. Hannah NY ARKO	Ghana
7.	Mr. Ashok DAS	India
8.	Mr. Alon SNIR	Israel
9.	Ms. Catherine ONYONI	Kenya

10.	Mr. Olabode ADEKEYE	Nigeria
11.	Mr. Humaid AL-MA'ANI	Oman
12.	Mr. Shuja ALAM	Pakistan
13.	Mr. Won Woo LEE	Republic of Korea
14.	Mr. Ionut SUSEANU	Romania
15.	Mr. Andriy KUZMENKO	Ukraine
16.	Ms. Clare EVANS	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
17.	Mr. John BRAVACO	United States of America
18.	Mr. William SANTANA	Venezuela
19.	Ms. Lucy MUNGOMA	Zambia

4. With the 1996 programme, a total of 427 government officials from 142 Member States have received training under the disarmament fellowship programme since its inception.

B. Programme of studies

5. The 1995 programme of studies started on 16 August at Geneva and concluded on 28 October at United Nations Headquarters. The 1996 programme began on 8 September at Geneva and will conclude on 1 November at United Nations Headquarters. The programmes included lectures; speaking, drafting and simulation exercises; the preparation of individual research papers on various disarmament and security issues; attendance at the Conference on Disarmament, the First Committee of the General Assembly and the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention; and study visits to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at Vienna, the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) at the Hague, as well as to two Member States at their invitation: Germany and Japan.

6. At IAEA, the fellows attended lectures and briefings on various topics, including the IAEA safeguard activities and the nuclear non-proliferation regime. In addition, various relevant films were shown to the fellows.

7. At OPCW, the fellows attended lectures and briefings on various topics, including the Chemical Weapons Convention, its verification provisions and the activities of the Preparatory Commission for OPCW.

8. The study visits to the two Member States were organized by the Governments of the host countries and provided the fellows with valuable sources of

information and practical knowledge. The institutions and sites visited by the fellows in the course of the two visits are as follows:

(a) Germany. The Federal Foreign Office and the Palais Schaumburg (briefings/round-table discussions on disarmament and security-related issues; the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government; and BUCK INPAR GMBH at Pinnow (briefings on conversion programmes of the Company);

(b) Japan. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (briefings on disarmament and security issues); Hiroshima (meeting with the Mayor of Hiroshima City, discussions with atomic-bomb survivors and visits to Hiroshima atomic-bomb hospital and the Institute of Radiational Effect); and Nagasaki (discussions with atomic-bomb survivors and visit to the Megumino-Oka Hill of Grace (a nursing home for atomic-bomb survivors).

9. In conclusion, it can be said that the objectives of the programme are varied and include providing the fellows with a general background in disarmament and security-related issues, enabling them to gain confidence in discussing disarmament issues based on their knowledge and understanding, allowing them to improve their negotiating skills by assuming the roles of delegates to a model disarmament meeting, and familiarizing them with the procedures and practices of disarmament negotiating and deliberating bodies.